



Town of Camden
Minutes of the Select Board Meeting
February 21, 2012
7:00pm

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PRESENT: Chairperson Martin Cates, Vice Chairperson Morgan Laidlaw, John French, Jr., James Heard, Donald White and Town Manager Finnigan. Also present were members of the press and public.

1. Call to Order

2. Citizen Comments

Dorie Klein of Camden informed the board that there would be two showings of a documentary film called "Windfall" at the Strand on March 3rd & 4th. She said that the film contains information about windpower and its future development.

Gian-Angelo Gallace of Camden spoke to the Board regarding his concern about increased truck traffic that could result from transport of propane from a storage tank being proposed for Searsport. He said that DCP-Midstream, a subsidiary of Conoco-Phillips, has applied for a permit to construct the tank which would measure 220' wide and 140' tall, with a 70-foot stack for venting. If approved, propane would be trucked through Camden, and he said that generally this would occur at nighttime. He asked the board to consider potential implications for Camden's lodging establishments and for tourists visiting the midcoast.

Ray Williamson of Camden spoke to the Board on behalf of the Maine Windjammer Association to ask for their support of a windjammer race planned for July 6, 2012. He said that it is anticipated that 20-30 schooners would participate in the race that would start in Rockland and sail to Camden. A reception at Wayfarer Marine would follow. Williamson said that the ability to berth in the inner harbor would help attract participant vessels. The Town Manager reported that the Harbor Committee and Harbormaster had expressed support for the event. Berthing locations were discussed in some detail, and the Select Board gave Williamson their support for the race.

There were no further citizen comments so the floor was opened to Select Board comments.

Don White encouraged citizens to fill out the Downtown Master Plan survey that is available online and at the Town Office. The next public session to gather input on the Plan is scheduled for March 14th. White also noted that the Town of Camden had turned 221 years old, having been incorporated on February 17, 1791, and named after Charles Pratt, the first Earl of Camden, England. Lastly he thanked all those who made the toboggan weekend a success.

Morgan Laidlaw echoed White's comments about the success of the US National Toboggan Championships, saying that his family had been out there all three days and it had been a wonderful event. He reminded everyone that there is plenty of snow at the Snow Bowl and

encouraged skiers to come out and support their local ski area.

John French reported that he had spoken to individuals who are interested in working on the Comprehensive Plan. He had told them about the smaller working groups that would be more short-term than the steering committee.

3. **Approval of Board Minutes**

Martin Cates pointed out a correction to the minutes of the February 7, 2012 meeting in paragraph 5, line 228: spelling of the name McKenna should be corrected to McKinnon.

Don White made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 7, 2012 Select Board meeting as amended. Morgan Laidlaw seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

4. **Consent Agenda**

John French made a motion to approve the application of Joshua Hixson, d/b/a 40 Paper at 40 Washington Street for a renewal victualer license. Don White seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

5. **Communications, Presentations, and Recognitions**

There were no recognitions scheduled for this meeting.

6. **Select Board Member Reports**

Don White said he'd attended the February 14th meeting of the Historic Resources Committee where the Downtown Master Plan and QR codes were discussed. It had been noted that the granite pavers in the Village Green had been heaving and were icy. They will be sanded and the Garden Club is looking at costs of renovations. He said the committee had also heard an update from Dave Jackson on an application for the Amphitheatre to be designated as a National Historic Landmark. The designation applied for through the National Forest Service may come this fall. Additionally the committee had discussed signage in the area of the historic waterfalls near the mill and had talked about the downtown walking tour, for which a budget will be submitted to the Town Manager.

White said that he'd also attended the February 17th meeting of the Trustees of the Camden Public Library where it was acknowledged that Deputy Director Jamie Ritter would be leaving later this month to assume a position with the Maine State Library. The Trustees had lastly announced at the meeting that Sunday, August 5th would be the date of the annual Millay Society event.

At the Planning Board Meeting that was also held on February 17th, White said that the board had reviewed the site plan for a residential pier on Sherman's Point proposed by property owner William Kirill. Because the board could not determine whether a neighboring structure was closer than 300 feet from the proposed pier location, the application had been voted down by a vote of 5-0. The Planning Board had also reviewed a site plan from Beaucaire LLC for a new home on Start Road and Beaucaire Avenue.

He reported in closing that Sign Committee which had met on Feb. 21st would be submitting

a proposal for informational kiosks, directional and parking signs to the Planning Board on Feb. 29th and subsequently to the Select Board on March 6th.

Morgan Laidlaw told the Board that he had met with the Chair of the Conservation Commission which had just held their second meeting. They had discussed the Commission's objective of becoming more visible in the community and had walked the Tannery property.

John French had attended the Chamber's Business After Hours at the Camden First Aid Station where there was a good turnout. He noted that everyone had enjoyed tours of the facility.

Jim Heard said he'd attended a meeting of CaHC, a group presided over by Joanne Campbell, and that they have had three applications for new homes. He also reported that Parks and Recreation had held a meeting to review the Toboggan weekend. The group was very positive and encouraged by the preliminary income numbers, which were in the neighborhood of \$60,000 net revenue.

Martin Cates told the board that 110 Downtown Master Plan surveys had been filled out to date, of which 75% were submitted by residents who had not attended the community meeting. Cates encouraged citizens to continue filling out the surveys which are available at the Town Office and online. He reminded everyone to plan to come to the March 14th community meeting at the Waterfall Events Center.

7. **Town Manager's Report**

The Town Manager said that there will be budget meetings held every Thursday from March 1st through March 29th. She will be working to make the budget process a positive one where people clearly understand the budget.

Finnigan said that the Snow Bowl Toboggan Nationals had required about 1300 hours of staff time, and that this did not include the hours donated by volunteers. Also, the Parks and Recreation Director had reported that the Snow Bowl had had its first day of income topping \$10,000, which during any other winter would have happened often. She added that the ski school is busy this week due to school vacation.

The Town Manager reported that the Public Works Director is already posting roads for closure.

Lastly she discussed with the Board the fact that the Knox County budget has been re-opened and that a public hearing on the budget will be held March 15th. The site for the hearing has yet to be determined. Martin Cates asked if there would be a vote taken at that meeting, and Finnigan answered that she believed the intention was to take a vote. The March 15th date conflicts with the Board's budget meeting which will be difficult to change. Don White noted that information on the budget is available on the Knox County website, and he asked if it would be appropriate to weigh in in writing if they were not able to attend. John French expressed that he thought it would be better to show up. The group concluded that representation of the Select Board at the Knox County budget hearing will be discussed once the Town Manager is informed of its time and location.

151 8. **Old Business**

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153 There was no old business on the agenda.

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155 9. **New Business**

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157 a. The Board considered an application from the Celebration of Life Family Church for
158 an Assembly Permit for a Worship Fest to be held August 25, 2012. The event would
159 be held at the Snow Bowl and 1500 people are expected to attend. The Town
160 Manager told the Board that Public Safety had reviewed the application and that
161 staff is recommending approval of the permit. Martin Cates asked if there would be
162 a concern regarding traffic control. John French said that a police officer and fireman
163 would have to be hired for a big event like this.

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165 *John French made a motion to approve the application from the Celebration of Life*
166 *Family Church for an Assembly Permit to hold a Worship Fest at the Snow Bowl on*
167 *August 25, 2012. Don White seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.*

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169 b. The Board addressed bids for printing the 2012 Town Report. The Town Manager
170 outlined the three bids that had been received, saying that of the three bids, the
171 lowest that included the needed services was received from Lincoln County
172 Publishing. The staff's recommendation is for the Town Report to be printed on
173 recycled paper with Lincoln County Publishing at a cost of \$3,476.

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175 *John French made a motion that the bid from Lincoln County Publishing for printing*
176 *the 2012 Town Report be accepted. James Heard seconded the motion and it was*
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179 10. **Select Board Closing Comments**

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181 Martin Cates noted that work is being done to refine the bidding process and will be
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184 11. **Adjourn as Select Board**

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186 *John French made a motion that the Board adjourn as Select Board and reconvene as*
187 *Wastewater Commissioners. Don White seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved*
188 *and the Select Board adjourned at 7:48pm.*

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190 **Wastewater Commissioners**

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192 1. **Consideration of a Certificate of Commitment**

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194 *John French made a motion that the Certificate of Commitment for wastewater charges for the*
195 *period of October 11, 2011 to January 12, 2012 be approved. James Heard seconded the*
196 *motion. It was unanimously approved.*

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198 2. **Adjourn**

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200 *John French made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Wastewater Commissioners. Don*

White seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously and the meeting of the Wastewater Commissioners adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Brace
Recording Secretary